

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the committees have between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, to file legislative or executive reported legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA FOOTBALL TEAM

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 66 submitted earlier today by Senators MACK and GRAHAM.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 66) commending the University of Florida Football Team for winning the 1996 Division I Collegiate Football National Championship.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a resolution saluting the University of Florida football team on winning the 1996 National Football Championship.

As a proud alumnus of the University of Florida, I join with all those who have worn the Orange and Blue—both on and off the field—in honoring Coach Steve Spurrier, his staff and the football team for this outstanding accomplishment.

From its humble beginnings in 1906 to the present, the University of Florida's football program has had a rich and proud history. But 1996 will be forever known in the hearts and minds of the Gator faithful as "The Year of the Gator."

From the season opener in "The Swamp" to the national championship title game in the Sugar Bowl, the Gator faithful knew that with Steve Spurrier as their coach and Danny Wuerffel as the team's quarterback, field leader and spiritual leader, the 1996 season would indeed be one to remember.

The 1996 football team compiled a record of 12 wins and 1 loss and outscored their opponents 611 to 221 points in winning its fourth consecutive SEC championship and its first-ever national football championship.

For this achievement, the University of Florida was recognized by the Associated Press and major college football coaches as the 1996 national champions.

This season will also be remembered because for the first time in the history of the Heisman Trophy, an award which is presented annually to college football's most outstanding player, the winner played under a head coach who also had won the Heisman Trophy. Coach Steve Spurrier and Danny

Wuerffel should be commended for this high honor.

It is also important to note that for the first time since the NCAA has been keeping records, two division I college football teams from the same State have played each other for college football's national championship.

I also want to take this moment to honor Coach Bobby Bowden and the Florida State University football team for their outstanding season and for reaching the national championship game. While they didn't win the game, the Seminoles and their fans should be proud of their achievements and commended for an outstanding season.

The State of Florida is indeed fortunate to be home to three of the finest college football teams in the Nation: The University of Florida, Florida State University, and the University of Miami. Together these three teams combined have won six college football national championships.

But in 1996, the national football championship was won by the University of Florida. Not only is this a special accomplishment that will long be remembered by the coaches and players, but it is also a moment to savor for Gator fans. After 90 years of ups and downs, great victories and frustration, the Fightin' Gators are finally the national champions of college football. All the loyal sons and daughters of the University of Florida—wherever they may be—join me today in congratulating Coach Steve Spurrier, his staff, and the 1996 Fightin' Gator football team on winning the 1996 college football's national championship.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to print in the RECORD the names of the Gator players, coaches, and staff along with their season record and the final polls with the Florida Gators in the top position as the national champions.

There being no objection, the list was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA 1996 NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Players

Tremayne Allen
Reidel Anthony
Ernie Badeaux
Tyrone Baker
James Bates
Ronnie Battle
Tim Beauchamp
Cheston Blackshear
Noah Brindise
Teako Brown
Pat Browning
Scott Bryan
Zuri Buchanan
Jayme Campbell
Cooper Carlisle
Derrick Chambers
Ed Chester
Willie Cohens
Mo Collins
Collins Cooper
Keith Council
Camerson Davis
Reggie Davis
Jason Dean
Ernie Dubose

Craig Dudley
Dwight Edge
Bart Edmiston
Jerome Evans
McDonald Ferguson
Rod Frazier
Tony George
Rod Graddy
Jacquez Green
Buck Gurley
Fred Hagberg
Mike Harris
Thomas Hewitt
Ike Hilliard
Todd Holland
Al Jackson
Denise Stevens
Tom Williams
Demetric Jackson
Terry Jackson
Doug Johnson
Ryan Kalich
Nafis Karim
Jevon Kears
Trey Killingsworth
Erron Kinney
Sean Ladd
Demetrius Lewis
Anthon Lott
Eugene McCaslin
Xavier McCray
Reggie McGrew
Travis McGriff
Anthony Mitchell
Jeff Mitchell
Dwayne Mobley
Mike Moten
David Nabavi
Shawn Nunn
Daryl Owens
Alonza Pendergrass
Jason Perry
Mike Peterson
Zach Piller
Dock Pollard
Alan Rhine
Jamie Richardson
Larry Richart
Wyley Ritch
Willie Rodgers
Taras Ross
Johnny Rutledge
Brian Schottenheimer
Nick Schiralli
Shea Showers
Teddy Sims
Ian Skinner
Robby Stevenson
Deac Story
Fred Taylor
Matt Teague
Dwayne Thomas
Kavin Walton
Cedric Warren
Fred Weary
Elijah Williams
Scott Wise
Lawrence Wright
Danny Wuerffel
Jon Xynidis
Correy Yarbrough
Billy Young
Donnie Young
Michael Younkins
Zac Zedalis
President: Dr. John Lombardi
Director of Athletics: Jeremy Foley
Coaching Staff
Head Coach Steve Spurrier
Rod Broadway
Jim Collins
Dwayne Dixon
Carl Franks
Lawson Holland
Bob Sanders
Jimmy Ray Stephens
Bob Stoops

Barry Wilson
Steve Spurrier, Jr.
Aubrey Hill

Strength & Conditioning

Jerry Schmidt
Rob Glass
Patt Moorer
Randy Popple

Support Staff

Norm Carlson
Dr. Keith Carodine
Bud Fernandez
Dave Houts
John Humenik
Dr. Pete Indelicato
Jeff Kamis
Betty Ling
Greg McGarity
Chris Partick
Nancy Sain
Tim Sain
Dr. Dick Shaara
Danny Sheldon
Jamie Speronis
Mike Wasik

1996 SCHEDULE				
August 31st ...	Florida	55	SW Louisiana	21
September 7th	Florida	62	Georgia Southern	14
September 21st	Florida	29	Tennessee	29
September 28th	Florida	65	Kentucky	0
October 5th ...	Florida	42	Arkansas	7
October 12th	Florida	56	Louisiana State	13
October 19th	Florida	51	Auburn	10
November 2nd	Florida	47	Georgia	7
November 9th	Florida	28	Vanderbilt	21
November 16th	Florida	52	South Carolina	25
November 30th	Florida	21	Florida State	24
1996 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME				
December 7th	Florida	45	Alabama	30
1996 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME				
January 2nd ..	Florida	52	Florida State	20

1996 FINAL DIVISION I RANKINGS

ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

- University of Florida
- Ohio State University
- Florida State University
- Arizona State University
- Brigham Young University
- University of Nebraska
- Penn State University
- University of Colorado
- University of Tennessee
- University of North Carolina
- University of Alabama
- Louisiana State University
- Virginia Tech University
- University of Miami (Fla)
- Northwestern University
- University of Washington
- Kansas State University
- University of Iowa
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Michigan
- Syracuse University
- University of Wyoming
- University of Texas
- Auburn University
- U.S. Military Academy (Army)

USA TODAY/CNN COACHES POLL

- University of Florida
- Ohio State University
- Florida State University
- Arizona State University
- Brigham Young University
- University of Nebraska
- Penn State University
- University of Colorado
- University of Tennessee
- University of North Carolina
- University of Alabama
- Virginia Tech University
- Louisiana State University
- University of Miami (Fla)

- University of Washington
- Northwestern University
- Kansas State University
- University of Iowa
- Syracuse University
- University of Michigan
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Wyoming
- University of Texas
- U.S. Military Academy (Army)
- Auburn University

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today with my distinguished colleague and fellow Florida Gator, Senator CONNIE MACK, to congratulate this year's national champions and one of the top football programs in the history of the Southeastern Conference, the University of Florida Gators. The Gators clinched their first national championship in football on January 2, 1997 when they defeated the Florida State University Seminoles in the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans. This year's triumph is indeed special and came on the heels of a perfect nine win season in the Southeastern Conference, which is, as my colleagues know, one of the toughest leagues in college football.

The Gators defeated the Florida State football team by a score of 52-20 in the Sugar Bowl on January 2nd. It was truly an impressive and memorable display of leadership, dedication and teamwork by a college football team. This historic victory by the Gators not only brought with it the team's first national championship, but the Gators also set an unprecedented number of bowl records including the largest margin of victory against a No. 1 ranked team and the most points scored in a Sugar Bowl game.

I would also like to commend Florida State's Head Coach, Bobby Bowden and his fine team of football players for their magnificent season and for earning the right to play in the national championship. Although Florida State didn't win the game on January 2nd, they had a great season and they and their fans should be proud of their accomplishments.

The Gators managed to play its full complement of players during the season and devastated their opponents by averaging: 46.6 points per game, 333.9 yards passing per game and 503.9 yards total offense per game. Among their numerous record breaking achievements on the football field, the Gators' players also managed to bring home the Heisman Trophy, the Maxwell Award, the Unitas Award, the Davey O'Brien Award and the Thorpe Award to name just a few.

Under the extraordinary tutelage and superior leadership of Head Coach Steve Spurrier, the University of Florida football program rose above all others on the field in 1996. Prior to his arrival in 1990, no Florida Gator football team had captured an official Southeastern Conference championship in 56 years even though the university was a charter member of the league.

That trend changed in 1990, and Coach Spurrier's Gators have won at

least nine games in each season since his arrival. The 1996 Florida Gators have the distinct honor of winning an unprecedented fourth consecutive Southeastern Conference championship and their fifth since Coach Spurrier's arrival. Over the past seven seasons, Coach Spurrier and his talented staff of assistants have posted a remarkable record of 73 wins on the football field, and in the always tough, Southeastern Conference, the Gators have achieved a remarkable record of 53 wins. During his tenure, the Gators have lost exactly two games at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, an 80,000 seat fortress that Spurrier has dubbed "the swamp."

It is clear that the University of Florida Gators have been winners on the football field, but their winning doesn't stop there. Academically, the Gators have excelled equally as well. They have achieved a tremendous graduation rate for an NCAA Division I football program, and 16 members of this year's team were named to the Southeastern Conference's Academic Honor Roll. In addition to their awards for athletic achievement, Lawrence Wright and Danny Wuerffel both received Scholar-Athlete Awards from the College Football Association.

Their achievements don't stop on the football field, however. The Gators have also been major contributors to the greater Gainesville community where they volunteer countless hours in support of worthy causes like a literacy program, an international youth education program and support students with disabilities.

As a Gator and a graduate of the University of Florida, I am extremely proud of the 1996 Florida Gators and Head Coach Steve Spurrier for their outstanding achievements both on and off of the football field.

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I take some pride in that my brother graduated from the University of Florida. So I will join in those congratulations.

I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution appear at this point in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 66) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

S. RES. 66

Whereas the University of Florida can trace its beginnings to 1853 but was formally established by the State of Florida when Florida Agricultural College merged with East Florida Seminary, South Florida Military College, and St. Petersburg Normal & Industrial School in 1905

Whereas the University of Florida adopted the colors of orange and blue for its athletic team in 1905 and the alligator as the school's mascot in 1908;

Whereas the origins of intercollegiate football at the University of Florida can be

traced back to 1901, when Dr. T.H. Taliaferro, president of the Florida State Agricultural College, enthusiastically endorsed the new sport of football and by that deed ensured that the University of Florida Fightin' Gator football team exists today;

Whereas the University of Florida is a founding member of the Southeastern Conference, considered by many to be the toughest conference in college football;

Whereas the students, alumni, and friends of the University of Florida are to be commended for the dedication, enthusiasm, and admiration they share for the Fightin' Gator football team;

Whereas in 1990, Stephen Orr Spurrier, the most fabled football player in the history of the University of Florida and winner of the Heisman Trophy in 1966, was hired to be the head football coach to lead the team to the ever elusive "Year of the Gator";

Whereas in 1992, Coach Spurrier and his assistant coaches recruited a group of talented athletes who went on to form the nucleus of the 1996 football team;

Whereas the 1996 Fightin' Gator football team compiled a record of 12 wins and 1 loss and outscored their opponents by a margin of 611 points to 221 points, and for this achievement the Fightin' Gator football team was recognized by the Associated Press and the Division I college football coaches as college football's 1996 Division I national champions;

Whereas the 1996 Fightin' Gators football team and coaches are to be commended for winning the school's first Division I collegiate football national championship.

Whereas the 1996 Fightin' Gator football team broke several school, Southeastern Conference, and Division I football records during the 1996 football season;

Whereas the 1996 senior class of the Fightin' Gator football team should be commended for their leadership and their "team first" approach that helped win the 1996 Division I collegiate football national championship, 4 consecutive Southeastern Conference football championships, and the most victories for a senior class in school history;

Whereas Danny Wuerffel, the team's quarterback, field leader, and spiritual leader should be commended for winning numerous awards and accolades for his performance during the 1996 football season including the Heisman Trophy, which is presented yearly to college football's most outstanding player, and the Draddy Scholarship Trophy, which is presented annually to the Nation's premier football scholar athlete;

Whereas Lawrence Wright, the team's strong safety, should be commended for winning the prestigious Jim Thorpe Award, which is presented yearly to college football's most outstanding defensive back;

Whereas Reidel Anthony, one of the team's clutch wide receivers, should be commended for being selected by both the Football Writers Association and the Associated Press to their respective college football All-American teams;

Whereas Ike Hilliard, another of the team's deep threats at wide receiver, should be commended for being selected by the Walter Camp Football Foundation as a member of its college football All-American team;

Whereas all the loyal sons and daughters of the University of Florida join together in honoring Coach Spurrier and the 1996 Florida Fightin' Gators for winning the 1996 NCAA Division I football championship; and

Whereas the 1996 season will be known forever in the hearts and minds of the University of Florida faithful as the "Year of the Gator": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the University of Florida for winning the 1996 Division I collegiate football national championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all the players, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in helping the University of Florida win the 1996 Division I collegiate football national championship and invites them to the Capitol to be honored in an appropriate manner to be determined;

(3) requests that the President recognize the accomplishments and achievements of the 1996 University of Florida Fightin' Gator football team and invite the team to Washington, D.C. for the traditional White House ceremony held for national championship teams; and

(4) directs the Secretary of the Senate to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to the University of Florida for appropriate display and to transmit an enrolled copy to each member of the 1996 University of Florida Division I collegiate national championship football team.

AUTHORIZING THE PRINTING OF THE HISTORY MANUSCRIPT OF THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC POLICY COMMITTEES

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 67 submitted earlier today by Senators CRAIG and REID.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 67) authorizing the printing of the history manuscript of the Republican and Democratic Policy Committees in Commemoration of their 50th Anniversaries.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I rise to speak on "A History of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, 1947-1997."

Fifty years ago, the Senate established the Republican and Democratic policy committees. At the end of the Second World War and at the beginning of the cold war, U.S. Senators had concluded that this venerable old institution needed modernization to enable it to handle the increasingly complex foreign and domestic issues on its agenda, and to hold its own against an expanding presidential influence.

From 1945 to 1946, a joint committee chaired by Senator Robert M. LaFollette, Jr., a Republican from Wisconsin, and Representative Mike Monroney, an Oklahoma Democrat, investigated ways to reform the legislative branch. The joint committee proposed creation of professional staffs for each standing committee and allowing Senators and Representatives to appoint administrative assistants. It also recommended expansion of the Legislative Reference Service, now known as the Congressional Research Service. Those reforms were incorporated into the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946.

One proposal that was not included in the act was the joint committee's recommendation that the Senate and House establish policy committees to

assist the parties in promoting their legislative agenda. House Speaker Sam Rayburn feared that such policy committees might threaten his authority and refused to support them. Although the idea was dropped from the Legislative Reorganization Act, it was shortly thereafter incorporated in an appropriations bill but authorized policy committees for the Senate alone. Some time later the House also established policy committees.

Chief credit for the policy committees belongs to Ohio Republican Senator Robert A. Taft. As chairman of the Republican Steering Committee, from 1944 to 1946, Taft firmly believed in thorough preparation and expertise. Although Republicans were then in the minority, Taft used the Steering Committee to plan and coordinate the party's legislative program, rather than wait to react defensively against the initiatives of the President and the majority party. Under Taft the Steering Committee helped Republican Senators become better informed on pending issues. His staff ran evening meetings that some called a night school for Senators. The Republican Steering Committee became the model for the proposed policy committees. Indeed, when the policy committees were written into law, the Republican Conference simply redesignated its Steering Committee as the Republican Policy Committee. Chairman Taft and all of the other members of the Steering Committee become the first members of the Policy Committee.

The Republican Policy Committee came into existence at the beginning of the 80th Congress, just as Republicans resumed the majority in the Senate and House. The 50th anniversary finds Republicans back in the majority in both Houses of Congress. Over the years the Policy Committee's services and functions have expanded considerably. Since 1947, it has produced the very useful Record Vote Analyses. Since 1956, it has hosted working lunches each week for Republican Senators. Since 1987, it has operated an in-house bulletin-board cable information channel to keep Senators and their staffs apprised of Senate floor activities and the upcoming agenda. In 1995, the Policy Committee stood among the first Senate offices to develop a home page on the Internet's World Wide Web, to provide information inside and outside the Senate on its publications, and to share information on key Republican policies.

The Policy Committee staff prepares both brief and indepth reports on the major issues facing the Senate. The Policy Committee conducts seminars for new legislative staff members, and holds issue forums and roundtable discussions for Senators. It also hosts regular meetings for staff directors, legislative directors, and press secretaries.

During its first 50 years, the Republican Policy Committee grew into a thriving operation staffed by a variety of experts. Working directly with the